



# **Shaw Charity Classic**

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club | Calgary, Alberta | August 30- September 1, 2019

# **Final Round Notes**

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,097 yards (R3 average: 70.487; Cumulative: 69.521)

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 71. Winds out of the SE 8-15 mph.

Note: The final round was delayed 30 minutes due to fog. Tee times began at 10:20 a.m. MT.

**Summary:** Wes Short Jr birdied the final hole on Sunday to secure a one-stroke victory over two-time defending champion Scott McCarron. The victory is Short's second on PGA TOUR Champions with both being claimed in Canada, 4 years, 11 months and 25 days apart.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Wes Short, Jr.	-13	64-67-66—197	\$352,500	No. 19
2.	Scott McCarron	-12	64-69-65—198	\$206,800	No. 1
3.	Steve Flesch	-11	62-68-69—199	\$169,200	No. 22
4.	Tom Gillis	-10	67-64-69—200	\$141,000	No. 47

# Quick Links:

- <u>Leaderboard</u>
- <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

# Wes Short Jr., 64-67-66-197 (-13)

- Short began his final round one stroke off the lead and kept his chances alive via a roller coaster of a leaderboard. Birdies on Nos. 3 and 4 moved him into a tie at the top with second-round leader Steve Flesch, but bogeys on Nos. 7 and 13 dropped him three shots back of the lead.
- Short was able to birdie Nos. 14 and 15 to enter into a three-way tie with two-time defending champion Scott McCarron and Tom Gillis. When Short reached the final hole, he hit his second shot short and into a stream fronting the 18th green, and as it looked as if the tournament would enter a playoff, his ball hit a rock and bounced to the back portion of the green. Short two-putted for his sixth birdie of the round and secured his second victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The Austin, Texas, native's only other PGA TOUR Champions win came at the 2014 Quebec Championship where he carded rounds of 69-68-64 to win by one stroke over Scott Dunlap. The two victories are 4 years, 11 months, and 25 days apart.
- His 54-hole total of 13-under 197 set a career-low on PGA TOUR Champions (198, 2014 Shaw Charity Classic).
- The start was Short's sixth at the Shaw Charity Classic. Prior to this victory, his best finish at the event was sixth in 2014 when he carded rounds of 69-65-64.
- In six final rounds at the Shaw Charity Classic, Short holds a 66.83 scoring average.
- With his earnings of \$352,500, Short moves to No. 19 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### Scott McCarron, 64-69-65-198 (-12)

- Two-time defending champion Scott McCarron entered the final round three strokes off the lead. He birdied the first and fourth hole to make his way up the leaderboard and when he landed consecutive birdies on Nos. 11 and 12, took the outright lead for the week.
- Back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 16 and 17 dropped him two shots off the lead. McCarron converted a 45-foot eagle putt on No. 18 to enter a three-way tie for first place with Short and Tom Gillis. Short birdied the final hole and Gillis bogeyed the 16th hole to leave McCarron with a runner-up finish.
- McCarron was looking to become the first player since Bernhard Langer to win a PGA TOUR Champions event three consecutive years but fell short by one stroke.
- In five starts at the Shaw Charity Classic, McCarron has never carded a round over par and holds a 66.33 scoring average. His tournament earnings are just short of \$1 million (\$966,185), which puts him atop the Shaw Charity Classic all-time money list.
- The finish is McCarron's third runner-up this season. He has claimed three victories and 12 total top-10 finishes this season in just 19 starts.
- The North Carolina resident holds the No. 1 position in the Charles Schwab Cup for the 14th consecutive week with \$2,318,965 in earnings.

# Steve Flesch, 62-68-69-199 (-11)

- As the 36-hole leader, Flesch entered the final round with a one-stroke lead. He birdied the first hole to turn that lead into two, but bogeys on Nos. 8 and 15 pushed him down the leaderboard. Flesch birdied the final hole to finish in solo-third place, his best finish of the year.
- Flesch's 54-hole total of 11-under 199 marked a career-low (201, 2017 Shaw Charity Classic).
- Flesch ranked second in the field this week in scrambling around the green (9 of 11) and tied for third in putts per GIR (76 on 43).
- The finish is Flesch's best since he claimed his first PGA TOUR Champions victory at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic in a playoff.
- The Cincinnati, Ohio, native is one of 15 players who owns a victory on the Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
- In 19 starts this season, Flesch owns three finishes in the top-10 and sits at No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

# Tom Gillis, 67-64-69—200 (-10)

- Making his Shaw Charity Classic debut, Gillis carded four birdies and played bogey-free golf through 16 holes on Sunday. Entering the 17th hole, Gillis sat one stroke off McCarron's lead. A bogey on No. 17 and a double-bogey on No. 18 moved him three places down the leaderboard for a fourth-place finish, his best of the year.
- Gillis' 54-hole total of 10-under 200 (201, 2018 3M Championship) marked a career-best on the Champions Tour.
- The finish is Gillis' second top-10 of the year and seventh in two years on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Gillis' ranks No. 47 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

# **Other Notes**

- Making his Shaw Charity Classic debut, **Retief Goosen** carded rounds of 64-70-68 to finish T8, his sixth top-10 in 16 starts this season.
- Open qualifier and Canadian **David Morland IV** carded rounds of 64-72-72 to finish T36.
- Canadian Stephen Ames carded rounds of 67-71-69 to finish T29.
- Mark Calcavecchia and Tommy Armour III withdrew prior to the final round.